

# COAST HAPPENINGS MIRRORED HERE

## BRIEF OUTLINE OF CURRENT EVENTS ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE

Condensed Resume of the Week's Happenings  
Covering Events of Interest From Nearby  
Places—Will Allow Rapid Scanning

**To Represent Montana**  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—David Hilger, chairman of the Montana commission, declared that Montana will be represented at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

**Utilities Election**  
KENNETT, Cal., March 10.—This city will vote April 13 on the proposition of putting its public utilities under the control of the state railroad commission. The necessary petition has been filed with city trustees.

**May Revise Charter**  
SANTA MONICA, March 10.—Mayor Dudley will recommend a commission form of government to the city council at its regular meeting. It is believed probable that on his recommendation a committee will be appointed to revise the city charter.

**Fair Buildings Almost Done**  
SAN DIEGO, March 10.—Construction work on all the main exhibit buildings of the Panama-California exposition will be completed by the first of April. The main work is finished, and only the decoration work remains to be done. This, with the completion of the great bridge at the west entrance, will be finished well within the time set.

**Join U. S. Aerial Reserve**  
LOS ANGELES, March 10.—Aviators Glenn Martin and Lincoln Beachey of this city, two of the world's noted aviators, have enlisted in the United States aerial reserve.  
Forty-seven aviators and two balloon pilots compose the list of reserves which has just been made public by the war department at Washington.

**Governor Appoints Board Members**  
SACRAMENTO, March 10.—Appointments made by Governor Johnson are:

Edwin T. Earl, Los Angeles, reappointed trustee of the Los Angeles state normal school; E. C. Merryfield, Colton, member of the board of managers of the Southern California state hospital, vice A. B. Paddock, deceased; W. A. Avery, Riverside, member of board of managers of the Southern California state hospital, vice E. P. Clark, now a member of the state board of education.

**State Building on Ballots**  
LOS ANGELES, March 10.—Requests for an appropriation of \$2000 to be used in circulating an initiative petition in order to place on the ballot in the state election in November the question of whether \$1,000,000 should be appropriated for a state building in Los Angeles were made of the council. Representatives of the City club, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association, the chamber of commerce and several organizations appeared before the council to urge the appropriation, which was referred to the finance committee.

**Race Proves Street Benefit**  
SANTA MONICA, March 10.—This city has benefited in more ways than one by the recent automobile races. Street Superintendent Carter said that in his opinion it would not be necessary to make any repairs to the course during the next two years. The streets over which the automobiles raced are in much better condition than any other streets of the city.

The total receipts of the Vanderbilt Cup and Grand Prix races were \$43,000, according to the racing committee. Of this sum, \$20,000 was expended in prize money to the winners. The remaining \$23,000 is divided between the city of Santa Monica and the Automobile Association of America.

Hereafter, it was announced, the racing committee of Santa Monica will manage all races on the Santa Monica course from that place, selecting from Los Angeles such auto racing experts as the committee desires to aid in the work.

## COULD VISIT SATAN FOR FIVE MINUTES

CINCINNATI, March 10.—To prove that he has a suit and helmet which are absolutely fire-defying, Martin Panian, of Eveleth, Minn., has allowed himself to be cast into the flames at a demonstration held by the Crescent Tool company. Panian was obscured by walls of fire for five minutes, and then stepped out through a blazing curtain of flame, cool and calm.

The helmet is of metal, with two layers of water and fireproofed canvas inside. The same water rushes between similar layers of canvas that form the inside of the suit from shoulders to feet.

To obviate the chances of the water becoming heated, vents at the hands allow the water to escape. The exterior of the suit is fireproofed canvas. One part of a hose is equipped with an air fan, and this is driven by water power, the air rushing through a small tube and entering at the helmet.

## HAVENS WILL ENTER ROUND-WORLD RACE

NEW YORK, March 10.—Beckwith Havens, who flew from Chicago to this city, will be one of the contestants in the Panama-Pacific exposition for which round-the-world race for which offered a prize of \$150,000. The announcement was made by Havens in a letter to the Aero Club of America. Havens will make the race under the Cuban flag. He expressed his belief in the possibilities of the flight.

## CUSTOM RECEIPTS OF LOS ANGELES INCREASE

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—"If there ever has been any doubt about the commercial importance of Los Angeles harbor, it is dispelled now by one little fact that became known during the past week. The only port in the United States showing an increase in custom receipts for the month of February was our own. This in itself is not of such consequence as the fact that all other ports showed decided decreases, owing to the operation of the new tariff laws. In spite of this smaller volume of receipts, Los Angeles still maintained its increase over preceding months.

"This increase would indicate that the volume of business done, the actual tonnage of foreign merchandise entered, must have been exceedingly large to overcome a large reduction in tariff receipts and still show a gain or increase. It is my honest conviction that the possibilities of this seaport are so great that none of us have ventured anywhere near the truth for fear of being unduly optimistic."

## GYROSCOPIC AIRSHIP'S SPEED 80 MILES AN HOUR

LONDON, March 9.—A gyroscopic airship is the latest idea, and the man who claims to have invented it, Alfred Rutt, says he will give a demonstration within a few days.

"My machine," Mr. Rutt says, "has risen over a thousand feet, and has attained a speed of eighty miles an hour. It is cylindrical, with bluntly pointed ends. Its landing apparatus is a simple pair of skids. When it alights on the sea it is so arranged that it floats upright.

"The motive power is provided by six gyroscopes, worked by a petrol engine, and the secret of their action is my discovery after six years of the closest study of the gyroscope. The gyros raise the machine, and then, by altering the incidence of the planes of revolution, they propel her. The machine has one disadvantage at present. It cannot swerve and twist as does the aeroplane."

## HUGE ACREAGE IS OPEN TO SETTLERS

### GREATEST YEAR ON RECORD IN POINT OF ACTIVITY

Annual U. S. Land Office Report Shows  
7,891,790 Acres Still Remain in  
Southern California for  
Settlement

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Nearly 8,000,000 acres of government land in the Los Angeles land office district, comprising nine counties of Southern California, remain open to entry under the federal land laws, according to the annual report of the commissioner of the general land office. Of this great area more than one-third lies in San Bernardino county, with a large proportion in Riverside county.

The report shows that the unappropriated and unreserved territory measures 7,891,790 acres, of which 5,670,366 acres have been surveyed and are now ready for occupancy. The following table shows by counties the amount of public land still open to entry:

County	Surveyed	Unsurveyed
Imperial	78,212	212,560
Los Angeles	76,503	15,147
Kern	584,791	132,592
Orange	20,218	1,906
Riverside	1,192,408	575,241
San Bernardino	2,827,233	888,545
San Diego	85,571	334,599
Santa Barbara	42,820	6,396
Ventura	54,610	54,438
Total	5,670,366	2,221,424

Great activity among land claimants during the last fiscal year is shown in the statistical record of the homestead and desert entries in the district. More claims were instituted and more territory was appropriated than in any previous year. Applications and entries were made to the extent of 3,272, and 524,500.25 acres were taken possession of through legal entry.

Final proof was made on 68,344.43 acres, and 56,422.06 acres were patented.

The year's business proved lucrative. Fees to the amount of \$22,023.27 were collected, which, with purchase money aggregating \$134,434.20, brought the total revenues of the local land office up to \$156,457.47, exclusive of moneys paid in the acquisition of Indian lands. These amounted to \$2,299.87, making the aggregate receipts \$178,091.06.

## U. S. RECOGNIZES NEW HAITIAN GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The new government of Haiti has been established after a month's fighting, and the forcible abdication of the former president was formally recognized by the United States, according to advices received at the navy department from Captain Russell of the battleship South Carolina. Captain Russell, with Madison R. Smith, American minister to Haiti, called upon President Oreste Zamor and formally recognized him as president of the republic.

## \$2,000,000 FOR STATE ROAD URGED FOR L. A.

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—With the return from San Francisco of the Automobile Club of Southern California and the chamber of commerce with promises of the support of the 1915 fair officials and civic bodies of Oakland and San Francisco, it has been decided to call in Los Angeles on March 14 a convention of supervisors of thirty-seven southern counties to consider the purchase of \$2,000,000 of state highway bonds.

# PARCEL POST FAULTS EXPLAINED BY SHIPPER

## PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES THE NEEDS OF BUSINESS MEN THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES

Express Companies Give the Much Needed Quick Transportation for  
Perishable Products Which Government Service Cannot Provide—  
Comparison of Two Services Shows Urgent Need of Both

NEW YORK, March 10.—In a statement on advantages and disadvantages of the parcel post and the express company service in their relation to the needs of the shipper and the merchant, William A. Marble, president of the Merchants' association of New York, has made public statistics that are proving highly interesting to tradesmen.

"The limitations of the parcel post are as follows:  
"It does not provide a pick-up service, or, in other words, does not make collections of articles for shipment, such as is made by the express companies, and therefore the merchants and shippers are put to an extra expense, which in many cases is a heavy one, of paying the drayage or transportation to the shipment station.  
"It does not adequately provide for safety, as the same process of shipment is used practically for all forms of articles.  
"It does not provide adequate indemnity for loss.  
"It does not provide any indemnity for damage."

"It excludes a wide range of commodities from quick transportation.  
"It prevents valuable packages from being securely closed.  
"It is obvious that unless all these limitations be removed the parcel post cannot effectively serve numerous imperative transportation needs.

"It is absolutely essential to the business community particularly that provision for all the varied forms of service be continued. That is equivalent to saying that the express service which provides these services must be preserved in order that indispensable functions which the postal service does not, and in some respects cannot, perform may nevertheless continue to be performed.

**May Force Retirement**  
"If the weight limit in the parcel post be raised to 100 pounds, as has been suggested, the volume of traffic available to the express companies will be so impaired as to make their business profitless and force their retirement.  
"More than 90 per cent of all the express shipments leaving New York are merchants' shipments. For their provision for all the varied forms of service be continued. That is equivalent to saying that the express service which provides these services must be preserved in order that indispensable functions which the postal service does not, and in some respects cannot, perform may nevertheless continue to be performed.

**Room for Both**  
"There are numerous services now performed by the express companies which the parcel post does not undertake. It does not effectively provide for many commodities for which quick and especially organized transportation is required to meet business demands.  
"Perishable fruits, meats, milk, butter, poultry and many food products require not only perfectly organized machinery for quick and absolutely regular movement, but some of them also require refrigeration service. This involves special trains and train schedules, icehouses en route, exact co-ordination of movement, and various special facilities entirely different from those suitable for ordinary fast traffic.  
"When I contend that the parcel post should not be so extended as to invade the legitimate field of express operations, I believe I voice the sentiments of the great majority of business men who have given the subject intelligent study."

## 5891 JOBS GIVEN BY LABOR BUREAU

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—Reports made to the public welfare committee of the council by Dr. Milbank Johnson, chairman of the municipal charities commission, stated that since the opening of the municipal free employment bureau, January 1, under his direction, it had done a flourishing business.  
He stated that during January the men's department had received 5084 registrations and had filled 2590 positions.  
In February the same department had received 859 applications and filled 2668 positions.  
The women's department received 1189 applications and filled 412 positions.  
In February the women's department received 359 applications and filled 215 positions.  
"In January the men's department supplied a number of motion picture companies with extra men for one and two days' work, but no such positions were filled in February, although the bureau still managed to fill 2668 positions," said Dr. Johnson.

## STATE WILL PLANT 18,000,000 TROUT

SACRAMENTO, March 10.—The greatest planting of trout that California has ever known in a single year will begin on June 1, when deputies of the fish and game commission will begin the distribution of 18,000,000 fry, more than half as many as have been planted during the past three years.  
The heavy planting is intended as compensation for reductions during the preceding two years, which were unusually dry and which left many streams in such condition that the trout were entirely eliminated. In some streams there will be two plantings, and the work will continue without interruption from June until the beginning of 1915. A special car with from six to ten men will travel all over the state to distribute the trout.

Reports from the various fish districts in the state indicate that trout fishing will be excellent. The streams are so high that there is prospect of prolonged sport, and the rains have cleaned out the channels to such an extent that feeding grounds will be in excellent shape.  
It is announced that work will be commenced this summer on a new hatchery in Southern California, the first to be built in that part of the state. Several others are planned for various districts, and some of those in operation will be enlarged and improved.

## SAN DIEGO CONDUIT WILL COST \$185,000

SAN DIEGO, March 10.—Following his sale of \$705,000 water bonds on March 9, bids will be called for by the city council for the first section of the work, to be the construction of a concrete conduit connecting Dulzura conduit with Morena reservoir. The cost of the conduit is estimated at \$185,000.

## MAY BAR RACES ON FAST SANTA MONICA TRACK

SANTA MONICA, March 10.—No more automobile races will be held on the famous Santa Monica race course unless the people of Santa Monica vote to allow them.

This was the policy announced by Mayor Thomas H. Dudley of Santa Monica.  
"Unless the people of Santa Monica approve the matter by a majority vote," said Mayor Dudley, "there will be no more racing on the Santa Monica course."

"The racing necessitates the closing of the boulevards constituting the race track during the practice periods and on the race days."

"There are some who object to the closing of these streets. There are some who object to automobile races being held there. And there are those others who favor the racing.  
"Therefore, it is only just and right that the whole question of whether each race be allowed should be put up to the people for their vote. If the majority favors the race, it will go on. If sentiment thus expressed is unfavorable, the race will not be held on the Santa Monica track."

It is likely that the first of a series of elections will decide whether the proposed \$50,000 prize free-for-all automobile event planned for next season shall be held on this famous course.

## SUPERVISORS OPEN RINCON BRIDGE BIDS

SANTA BARBARA, March 10.—The board of supervisors opened bids for a bridge over Rincon creek, the cost of which is to be equally borne by Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The lowest bidder was the California Ornamental Brick company, at \$7,771.78. The supervisors accepted this, contingent upon similar action by the Ventura supervisors.

A petition was received for the opening up of a new road in the Lompoc district. The road would extend from the present county road near the Robinson bridge, along the north side of the Santa Ynez river to the Noyes ranch, a distance of about five miles, proceed with section G of the state highway, ten miles west from the completed Goleta paving.

## STATE HIGHWAY IS CONVENTION'S AIM

### COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO MEET TO FINANCE PLAN

Bonds Will Be Purchased and Then  
Resold at Discount to Company  
—\$2,000,000 is the Amount  
Needed Quickly

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—In an attempt to complete one trunk of the state highway between San Diego and San Francisco in time for the 1915 motorist traffic, the Automobile Club of Southern California and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce have called a convention of county supervisors to be held in Los Angeles next Saturday, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, at 10:30 a. m.

It will be necessary for the counties to purchase the bonds from the state at par and sell them to a bonding company at 4 per cent below par. Representatives of the bonding company will be present at the convention, ready to purchase the bonds, so that state highway work may proceed immediately in preparation for 1915. The reason the highway bonds have not sold more rapidly is stated to be due to the fact that they do not prove an attractive investment bearing 4 per cent on the par value.

For this reason it becomes incumbent upon the counties directly interested in the completion of the state highway to purchase these bonds and sell them at a discount, a procedure made legal by an enabling act passed at the last session of the legislature. "Everything is set and ready, for one of the most significant conventions ever held in Los Angeles. We are hoping that the supervisory delegates will appear prepared to act and not merely to promulgate theories, since the bonding house will be ready to take the bonds at that time.

"The supervisors will be called upon to decide whether the counties through which the highway will pass will pledge themselves to bear a minor expense in order that the highway can be built. It is estimated that the cost of completing one trunk will be \$2,000,000. Already several of the counties have signified their intent to take a large share of the bonds in their county, stating their reason as being that the expense to the county is a minor one compared to the benefit of securing the great 1915 traffic.  
"It is vitally important to each county that this matter should be decided at once, in order that all arrangements for the completion of the work can be made."

## TULARE HAS TURKEY FIVE FEET IN HEIGHT

TULARE, March 10.—Tulare claims the banner for having produced the largest turkey in the country this year. The bird in question is an enormous tom, the wonder of all who see him, and was brought in from the Newman ranch. He is a full-blooded specimen of the bronze variety, a little over a year old, and tipped the scales strong at forty-four pounds. With his head raised he measured five feet in height.

## PAINTINGS SELL FOR \$10,000, FAMILY STARVING

PARIS, March 9.—While the paintings of Stanislaus Lepine are selling for \$10,000, his widow and daughter are begging for bread in Paris. Lepine's fame was entirely posthumous, for during his life he sold his paintings to dealers for small sums. He died penniless, and his daughter managed to support her mother until recently, when the girl lost her position. Since then their condition has become most acute. Their hardship has caused a renewal of the argument that painters and their families should be allowed rights in their works the same as enjoyed by authors.

# TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

## GLEANED FROM NUMEROUS SECTIONS OF BOTH HEMISPHERES

Dispatches Picturing Developments From the  
Outside World Stripped of Unnecessary  
Details and Presented in Brief

**Anna Held Sues Movie Company**  
NEW YORK, March 10.—Anna Held, the actress, has started supreme court proceedings to obtain an injunction against the Kinemacolor company to restrain it from exhibiting her picture in the movies. She demands \$250,000 damages.

**Refuses Salary Raise**  
BOSTON, March 10.—Governor Walsh, in a special message to a legislative committee, says he will refuse to accept an increase in his salary from \$5,000 to \$12,000 a year. A bill being considered by the committee proposes such a raise.

**Test Sanity of Charlton**  
NAPLES, Italy, March 9.—Porter Charlton, the young American who is awaiting trial for the murder of his wife, will be examined as to his sanity by two of Italy's experts. Deputy Leonardo Bianchi, former minister of instruction, and Prof. Enrico Morcelli of the University of Genoa will make the examination.

**LaFollette to Run for Governor**  
MILWAUKEE, March 10.—Report is current in Milwaukee that Robert M. LaFollette will soon resign from the United States senate in order to become a candidate for governor of Wisconsin at the fall election. Governor McGovern is a candidate for the senate to succeed "Uncle Ike" Stephenson. Lieutenant-Governor Morris is the LaFollette candidate.

**S. F. Fair Causes War**  
PARIS, March 9.—The French senate and the chamber of deputies are at loggerheads over France's participation in the Panama exposition at San Francisco. The senate refused to ratify a \$2,000,000 grant made by the chamber of the exposition, withholding action until the dispute between France and the United States over porcelain exports is settled.

**Goethals To Be Major-General**  
WASHINGTON, March 10.—A joint resolution extending to Colonel Goethals the thanks of congress for his work at the Panama canal, and providing for his appointment as major-general of the United States army, was introduced in the senate by Senator Lodge.

The resolution provides also for an increase of one in the list of active major-generals in the army. The resolution was referred to the senate committee of military affairs.

## Sullivan-Considine Circuit Sold

CHICAGO, March 10.—With one sweep of the pen, involving millions of dollars, the two hundred American theaters and all the business of the Sullivan-Considine vaudeville circuit have been transferred to Marcus Low, Adolph Zukor and Joseph M. Schenck of New York and Aaron Jones of Chicago. Many of the theaters and their sites were sold outright. The deal was concluded in New York. The purchasers will soon visit Los Angeles to inspect the Famous Players Film company.

## Carranza Blacklisted by U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The name of General Carranza has been placed on the "blacklist" of the American government beside that of Huerta. It is apparent that the eleventh-hour repentance of the constitutional leader in appointing a commission to investigate the death of Benton, after demanding that all negotiations looking to complete inquiry be conducted through him alone, will fall to restore him to the good graces of the administration, according to opinions expressed by high officials today.

## \$76,000 PAID FOR U. S. ARMS BY FEDERAL

NACO, Ariz., March 9.—Customs reports issued by officials of this port of entry showed to what extent the Mexican constitutionalists in Sonora have taken advantage of President Wilson's action in lifting the embargo upon the exportation of arms from the United States to Mexico.  
Since the embargo was removed, munitions of war valued at \$76,000 have passed through Naco to insurgents in Sonora. They included nearly 2,000,000 cartridges, 2,500 rifles, and clothing and other equipment valued at \$12,000, for soldiers.

It was not known here to what extent such munitions had been exported into Sonora through Douglas and Nogales, Ariz., but it was believed the constitutionalists had used Naco principally because of its railroad connections.

## WILL MAKE EFFORT TO HARNESS RIVER

SANTA BARBARA, March 10.—The forming of a reclamation district for the purpose of protecting the banks of the Santa Ynez river between the Santa Rosa ranch and the College ranch is under consideration by the land owners. It was decided to engage an engineer to make surveys and secure general information to be submitted later.  
The district will be formed under the reclamation act. Under this procedure bonds can be issued to pay the cost.  
The distance between the two points is about ten miles, and as concrete piling seems to be favored for what is virtually a levee system, the cost will probably exceed \$100,000.